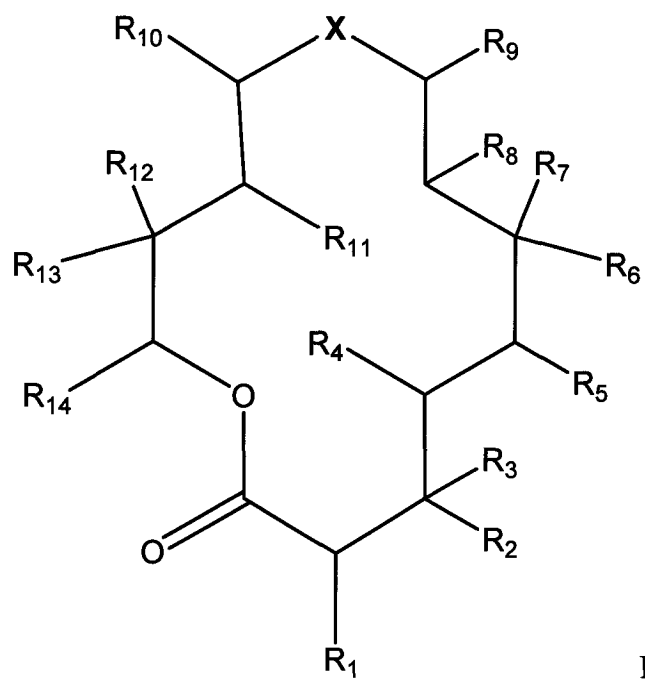


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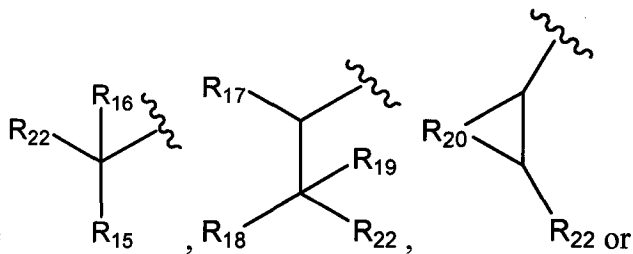
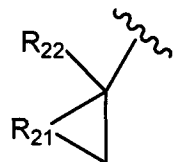
Claims 1-31 (Cancelled)

Claim 32 (Currently Amended): A compound according to formula I below:



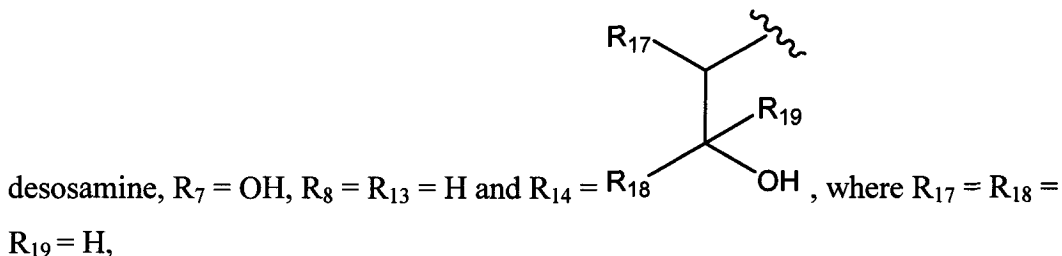
wherein X = -C(=O)-, -CH(OH)- or -CH₂-, R₁, R₄, R₆, R₉, R₁₀ and R₁₂ are each independently H, CH₃ or CH₂CH₃, R₂ = OH or any a glycosyl group selected from the group consisting of O-cladinoses, O-mycaroses, O-rhamnoses, 2'-O-methyl rhamnoses, 2',3'-bismethyl rhamnoses, 2',3',4'-tris-O-methyl rhamnoses, O-digitoxoses, O-olivoses, O-olioses, O-oleandroses, O-desosamines, O-mycarminoses, O-angolosamines and O-megosamines; R₃ = H, or R₂ and R₃ together are keto; R₅ = OH or any a glycosyl group selected from the group consisting of O-cladinoses, O-mycaroses, O-rhamnoses, 2'-O-methyl rhamnoses, 2',3'-bismethyl rhamnoses, 2',3',4'-tris-O-methyl rhamnoses, O-digitoxoses, O-olivoses, O-olioses, O-oleandroses, O-desosamines, O-mycarminoses, O-angolosamines and O-megosamines; R₇ = H, OH; R₈ = H, OH,

$R_{11} = H, OH, R_{13} = H, OH, R_{14} =$



where: R_{15} is H or a C₁-C₇ alkyl group or C₄-C₇ cycloalkyl group; R_{16} is H, a C₁-C₇ alkyl group or C₄-C₇ cycloalkyl group, R_{17} , R_{18} and R_{19} are each independently H or a C₁-C₇ alkyl group or R_{20} or R_{21} are $(CH_2)_x$ where $x = 2-5$ and R_{22} is O- R_{23} where $R_{23} = H$ or a C₁ to C₇ alkyl group or C₁-C₇ acyl group; or R_{22} and R_{16} together are a keto group; or R_{22} and R_{19} together are a keto group; ~~or a variant of a compound as defined above which differs in the oxidation state of one or more of the ketide units (i.e. selection of alternatives from the group: -CO-, -CH(OH)-, alkene -CH-, and CH₂);~~ with the proviso that the following compounds are excluded:

- (a) when $R_2 = OH$, *O*-cladinose or *O*-mycarose and R_5 is OH or *O*-desosamine
- (b) when $R_1 = R_4 = R_6 = R_9 = R_{10} = R_{12} = CH_3$, $R_3 = H$, $R_2 = O$ -oleandrose, $R_5 = O$ -



- (c) when R_2 or $R_5 = O$ -mycaminose
- (d) when R_2 or $R_5 = O$ -angolosamine.

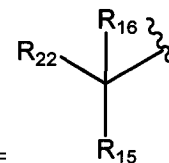
Claim 33 (Original): A compound according to claim 32 wherein R_2 is selected from *O*-cladinose, *O*-mycarose, *O*-rhamnose and methylated derivatives thereof, *O*-digitoxose, *O*-olivose, *O*-oliose or *O*-oleandrose.

Claim 34 (Original): A compound according to claim 33 wherein R_2 is a said methylated derivative selected from 2'-*O*-methyl, 2',3'-*bis-O*-methyl and 2',3',4'-*tris-O*-methyl.

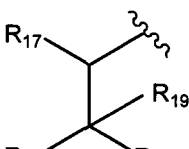
Claim 35 (Previously Presented): A compound according to claim 32, wherein R_5 is a glycosyl

group selected from *O*-mycaminose and *O*-angolosamine.

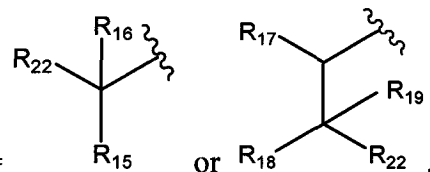
Claim 36 (Previously Presented): A compound according to claim 32, where $X = -C(=O)-$, $R_1 = R_4 = R_6 = R_9 = R_{10} = R_{12} = CH_3$, $R_2 = OH$, *O*-rhamnose or a methylated derivative thereof, *O*-digitoxose, *O*-olivose, *O*-oliose or *O*-oleandrose, $R_3 = H$, $R_5 = OH$, *O*-mycaminose or *O*-



angolosamine; $R_7 = H, OH$; $R_8 = H, OH, OCH_3$; $R_{11} = H, OH$; $R_{13} = H, OH$; $R_{14} =$

or , where: $R_{15} = H, CH_3, \text{or } CH_2CH_3$ and R_{16} is H ; or R_{17} and R_{18} are each independently H or CH_3 ; R_{19} is H and R_{22} is OH .

Claim 37 (Original): A compound according to claim 36, where $X = -C(=O)-$, $R_1 = R_4 = R_6 = R_9 = R_{10} = R_{12} = CH_3$, $R_2 = OH$, *O*-rhamnose or a methylated derivative thereof, *O*-digitoxose, *O*-olivose, *O*-oliose or *O*-oleandrose; $R_3 = H$; $R_5 = OH$, *O*-mycaminose or *O*-angolosamine; $R_7 =$



H, OH ; $R_8 = H, OH, OCH_3$; $R_{11} = H, OH$; $R_{13} = H, OH$; $R_{14} =$

where: $R_{15} = CH_3$; R_{16} is H ; or $R_{17} = R_{18} = R_{19} = H$ and R_{22} is OH .